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Youngsters Move Into New School

Young residents of Mission Viejo,moved into the community's first grade school, Marguerite M. O'Neill Elementary School, beginning Dec. 4, according to Ralph A. Gates, superintendent of the San Joaquin Elementary School District.

First to occupy the facility will be fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students, who moved in Monday, Dec. 4. On Wednesday, the 13th, the first, second, and third graders will arrive. The kindergarteners will occupy their quarters Tuesday, Jan. 2.

The school is named after Mrs. Marguerite M. O'Neill, at 88 the oldest living member of the family owning historic Rancho Mission Viejo, on which the new community is located. Several days before the move-in, Mrs. O'Neill's grandson, Anthony Moiso, presented Gates with a $30,000 check, a gift from the Mission Viejo Company to pay for the carpeting in the new school.

Mission Viejo children have been bussed to the Olivewood and Gates schools in El Toro since the first families arrived in the spring of 1966.

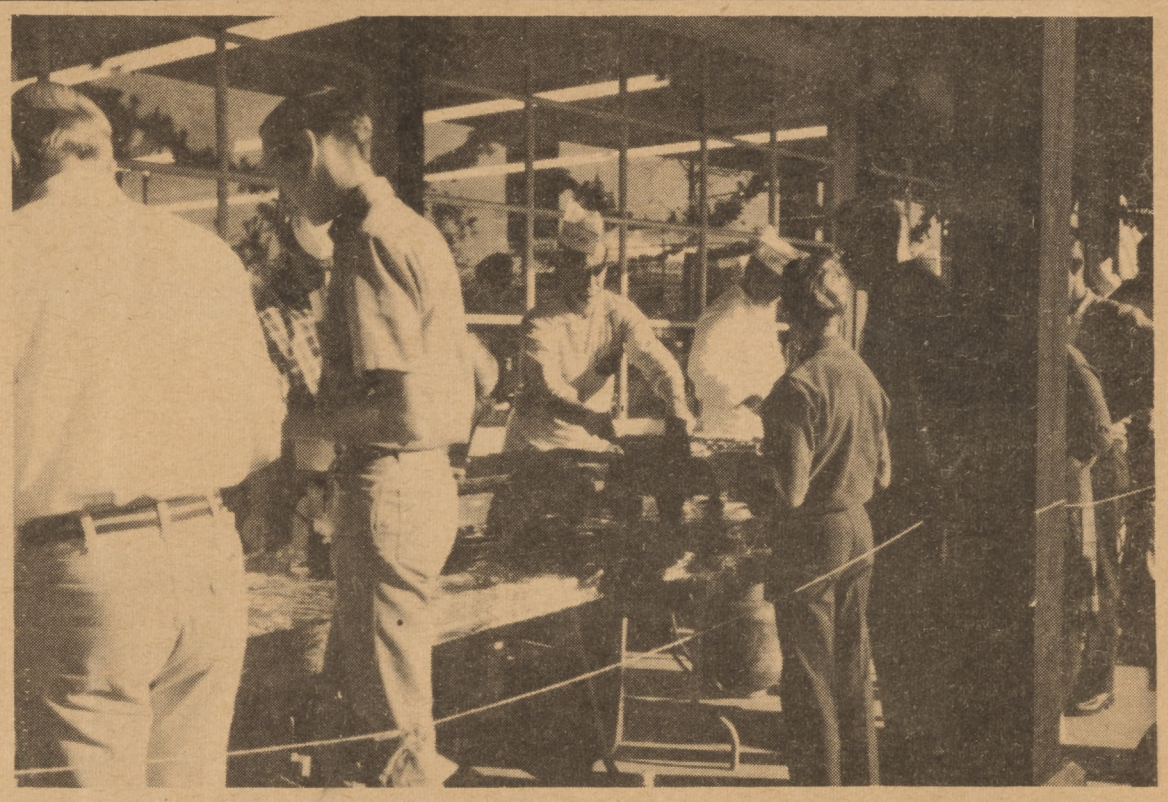
Gates indicated that a formal dedication program would not be staged for the $1 million facility until early '68, when Principal James Mitchell, his 33 teachers, and an estimated 800 students have a chance to settle down a bit.

Thrilled with the new facility, which—with its carpeting and beamed ceilings—almost looks more like a country club than a grade school, the youngish principal, James Mitchell, noted that he went to a one-room school in Vermont. All grades were lumped together and in winter, they all moved their desks around the wood stove, which was kept full by the older boys.

Gates said that while O'Neill School will open at or above capacity - depending upon how many families move in during the Christmas vacation period — it will signal an end to the present half-day sessions.

"We will bring in portable class room units almost immediately, and we may be up to 1,000 students by June, but everything will work out. By the time school starts next September, La Paz Intermediate School will be completed and we may temporarily move some fifith and sixth graders over there.

"However, by early fall, our second elementary school in Mission Viejo should be completed. We expect to have it started by late January."



A PUBLIC PANCAKE BREAKFAST was held last Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 11:30 by the Mission Viejo Boosters Club. Over 300 attended the event which took place in the parking lot at La Paz, according to Stan Johnson, president of the Mission Viejo Boosters Club. In conjuction with the La Paz Merchants Association of Mission Viejo, the proceeds from the function will go into a fund supporting the athletic program of Mission Viejo High School.

"Five Christmas" Nights Will Come

Christmas, 1967, the first in Mission Viejo for most of the community's 4,500 residents-will get under way with "The Five Nights of Christmas," an ambitious three-week program developed by a volunteer coordinating committee in Southern Orange County.

On the first night of Christmas, Sunday, the 3rd, the holiday season will be officially opened with a tree-lighting ceremony in Barcelona Circle, at the intersection of La Paz Road and Chrisanta Drive. The one-hour program will officially get underway at 7:30 and will feature the Trinity Presbyterian Church choir.

On the second night of Christmas, Tuesday, the 12th all of the choral and instrumental groups at Mission Viejo High School will present a Christmas concert in the Multi-purpose room at 8:00. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

On the third night of Christmas, Wednesday, the 13th, the children of the community are invited to "Meet Santa" at Santa's Hut (the Community Bulletin Board building.

On the fourth night of Christmas, Wednesday, the 20th, the "Meet Santa" program will be repeated, as will the toy collection.

On the fifth night of Christmas, Friday, the 22nd, the big event will be a "candlelight" parade by the children of the community, who will file down Mission Viejo's hills, converging on the Mount of Olives church. The parade will begin at 7:30.

Ralph Gates Series Opens For Parents

Children at Ralph Gates School will present a series of Christmas programs beginning today.

The first scheduled program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room with the third and fourth graders. Another presentation will follow at 2 p.m.

First and second graders will perform at the same hours on Thursday and the kindergarten children will hold their annual program in their classrooms. Also during 10 and 2 p.m.

The program began yesterday with 5th and 6th graders performing for the PTO Fashion Show.

The students of Gates School are looking forward to Friday the 15th when room mothers will host Christmas parties.

The entire series of programs are open to parents.

Red Cross Sends Voices From Home

For the first time in Orange County the Red Cross project "Voices From Home" will be offered to those living in the Orange County area.

The project is designed to bring the voices of military families to their servicemen on military duty overseas or in military hospitals anywhere in the world.

This service is free, simply by making an appointment a family may record up to seven minutes of conversation on recorded tape which will be sent at no charge for their serviceman to listen to and keep.

The Santa Ana Junior Woman's Club is spearheading the "Voices From Home" project for the Orange County area. They will be working at the Red Cross as volunteers, donating their time and efforts in hopes of making this a "warmer and merrier Christmas for our men in uniform.

Anyone who is interested may contact the American Red Cross, 2215 No. Broadway. Phone 542-1137.

Girl Scouts Plan Caroling

The evening of December 21st has been set aside by the Girl Scouts of Capistrano Highlands as caroling night.

The troops will be singing in their own neighborhoods as well as joining together to carol the residents of Leisure World.

Troop 1235 of Capistrano Highlands have had a busy two months. The registered troop had an Investiture Ceremony at La Paz Town Hall on the evening of November 3, during which time nine girls were welcomed into Scouting, bringing the total of the troop to nineteen.

The group has collected and cleaned thirty dolls for Danny Davey and are now sorting and sewing buttons on cards for Goodwill Industries.

Toro Couples Are Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burton of 24252 McCoy Road, El Toro are parents of a son born on November 30th at Hoag Memorial Hospital, Newport Beach. Baby's name is Richard Michael, weight 8 lbs., 8 ozs.

Burton is in the U.S. Navy stationed in Guam. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Janszeioski of El Toro. (Our Postman)

HARRY BABBIT is a Granddaddy!

A son was born November 25th to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Babbitt of 24212 McCoy Road, El Toro. He arrived at the Santa Ana Community Hospital weighing 8 lbs. 12 ozs. Length 19 1/2 inches. Name: Brian Allen Babbitt. Grandparents: The Harry Babbitts.

EDITORIAL

We Need You!

Serving on a school board is often a lonely and thankless task. Many important decisions are made at these public meetings about the policy of our schools and about how much money should be spent on developing these policies into a reality.

This newspaper has been publishing for more than a year now and has been attending these public meetings to report on the school events for our community. Often at these meetings, board members have expressed concern to this newspaper that more residents do not show up at these public meetings and voice their thinking and feelings on these public matters.

The Saddleback Junior College District is especially interested in getting more of the public involved in the planning of our brand new junior college. The Saddleback JC board welcomes participation from the audience at all their meetings. The JC public meetings are held each second and fourth Mondays at 7:45 p.m. at their new headquarters at 25001 La Paz Road, Mission Viejo.

The San Joaquin School District serves exactly the same area that this newspaper does and their public board meetings are held each month on the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. in the District Administration Office at 14736 SW Sand Canyon Ave., East Irvine. The offices are located off the freeway on the Sand Canyon turn-off. The board extends their welcome to the public to attend.

Readers of this newspaper are a part of the large, sprawling Tustin Union High School District with board and administrative offices located in Tustin.

All three of these schools districts of which we are a part have great building problems and growth problems. How about you and your wife or husband donating a couple of nights during thecoming months and attending any one or all of these meetings.

BLUE CHIPS

By Chester Briner

Many investors hold some stocks which now show a "paper" loss and which appear to have unpromising prospects. It may be imprudent to continue to hold these securities, vaguely hoping that the price will rise to a "break-even" or profit basis.

There can be a considerable advantage in selling and taking the loss. You may recoup, in the form of tax deductions, a part of the loss you have suffered. More important, you will release funds for investment in more promising securities and ones that more nearly meet your needs and investment objectives. Although tax savings should be considered only as an element of secondary significance, they can be the motivator that causes you to improve your investment position, the element of the primary concern.

Although the amount of tax deduction which may be taken is limited, it can result in important tax savings because it occurs at the very top of your income tax bracket.

You may, on the other hand, want to take a loss but retain your position because the future looks promising for your securities. This can be done in either of two ways. You may "double up," that is buy an equivalent number of the shares that you now hold and, on or after 31 days, sell the original shares, thereby establishing losses while protecting your position in the stock. The alternative is to sell out your present position and buy back in after the 30 day period. Only the latter of these two methods can provide you with a tax loss for this year as of the date of this column.

You may want to establish losses to offset possible gains next year. Whatever losses above $1,000 remain from one year may be carried forward idefinitely until exhausted. Thus, should you show a $2,5000 loss this year, $1,000 would be deductible this year and next year and the final $500 in 1969.

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SANTA'S HELPERS -- Planning Mission Viejo's community Christmas program are representatives of the nine organizations taking part (from left): Rev. Richard Bush, United Presbyterian Church; Jeff Lodder, Mission Viejo Homeowners Assn.; Mrs. Jeanne McGowen, Mission Viejo Men's Club; Dave Porter, Mission Viejo Men's Club; Harvey Stern, Deane Homes Men's Club; Keith Nelson, Mission Viejo High School; George Dicks, Mission Viejo High School PTA; Rev. Domenick Tamietti, Methodist Church; and Rev. Robert Lange, Mount of Olives Luthern Church.

LETTERS to EDITOR

Dear Mr. Venstrom:

Rancho Community Players wishes to thank you for your interest in our community theater efforts. Your continued support has helped create community interest, "the little theater habit," and thus is helping our group grow.

We thank you and your staff.

Sincerely, Carol Stanfield
Secretary

JC District Makes Plans For Fall

The Saddleback Junior College District, as a first step in determining its course offerings when it begins operating next fall, has begun to administer a preliminary program questionnaire to the seniors of the five high schools in its district, according to Jack S. Roper, Superintendent/President. Seniors from the district who are currently attending parochial schools were included in the survey.

The instrument is designed to provide information which will allow the officials of the district to determine which students are planning to attend the new community college in September and the program of studies which they wish to pursue. Parents were asked to go over the survey form also and to indicate their awareness of the information being requested.

On Tuesday, November 28, the questionnaire was administered to the seniors at Laguna Beach High School. During the week of December 4, the schools scheduled for visiting were Tustin High School; San Clemente High School; Foothill High School; and Mission Viejo High School.

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Campus Afloat Visits Bombay

Chapman College aboard the s.s.RYNDAM called at Bombay, India, Dec. 5-9, permitting its 500 students and faculty-staff of 70 to study and to explore the Indian culture in the company of local specialists and students.

During the stay, art students visited the J. J. School of Art and examined the frescoes and sculpture at the caves of Ajanta and Ellora; sociology students observed a community development center at Kumbharwada; government students participated with 40 Indian students and professors at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in discussions on domestic and international governmental issues; life science students visited the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research and the Indian Atomic Research Centre for a seminar with staff members on current scientific developments in India.

Other activities found music and drama students participating in an evening program of classical Indian music and drama presented by the Bhulabhai Memorial Institute, education students visiting elementary and secondary schools with Education Officer Dr. Madhuri R. Shah, anthropology and home economics students discussing Indian festivals and customs at the University of Bombay, and economics students listening to a lecture and discussion on the roles of the public and private sectors in Indian economy presented by students of the Bombay School of Economics.

Meanwhile, students of philosophy and religion visited the only Parsi seminary in the world to witness a demonstration and explanation of Parsi funeral rites and heard a presentation on issues and trends in contemporary Hinduism at the Ramarishna Mission. Other students participated in a two-day flying trip to Agra and the Taj Mahal or in a half-day boat trip to Elephant Island and its sculptured caves.

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Local News

By Vera Lindley
Staff Writer

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Mike Valencia of Laguna Beach is an employee of Thriftmart El Toro, and has recently decorated the windows of the supermart so beautiful with holiday scenes.

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The new Saddleback Kiwanis International is meeting every Tuesday, 7 a.m. at the Mission Viejo Golf Club. Acting chairman is Bill Wells of the United California Bank of Mission Viejo.

Paul Kroeson, Regional Lieutenant Governor of Kiwanis International, who resides at San Clemente spoke at last week's meeting on Aims and Goals.

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Mr. Milton Warren of Red Wing, Minnesota is visiting his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Del Siewert of 24021 Alderglen Drive, El Toro, for the Christmas Holidays.

The marriage of Jerome Orloff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Orloff, to Paula Blue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Blue of Gardena was performed last Thursday, December 7. Paula is an elementary teacher in the Los Angeles School District. Jerome is a Math major at California State College at Long Beach.

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During this Christmas Season the Dean Homes Women's Club is having a dinner party for the members at 8 p.m. December 12, at the Golden Pheasant in Anaheim.

OC Cancer Society Offers New Program

The Holiday season is a time of remembering our friends and relatives with gifts and cards. Especially we remember those who are no longer with us and wish for a tangible way to show our continued love.

"The Memorial Program of the Orange County Branch of The American Cancer Society offers the opportunity to express our love and sorrow and at the same time to assuage our loss," says Dr. Robert Reaves, President of the Branch.

The memorial letters which will be sent this week to some 33,000 countians explains the simple method of giving. Dr. Reaves said that when the donor makes a contribution he receives a prompt reply and receipt for his gift. An appropriate card is sent to the family of the deceased. The amount of the gift is never mentioned.

The program, now in its ninth year, provides a truly living memorial to those who have died of cancer for it supplies funds for cancer education and research and service to cancer patients.

Memorials need not be established simply for those who have died but may also be used to commemorate happy occasions such as anniversaries and birthdays. In remembering happenings in this way, future lives are saved by helping to support cancer research.

GIFT CARPETING-Anthony Moiso (left) grandson of Marguerite M. O'Neill, presents a $30,000 check from Mission Viejo Company to School Superintendent Ralph A, Gates (center) to pay for the carpeting in the new Marguerite M. O'Neill Elementary School, which opened in Mission Viejo Dec. 4. James Mitchell, principal, offers Moiso a souvenir of the carpeting while workmen rush to complete the job in the background.

Ages Bring Changes In El Toro Surroundings

by Doris Prothero
El Toro Resident

Ages and ages ago all of this area round El Toro and the place where Leisure World now stands was under the sea. Sea shells are found in most of the wells dug or drilled in this area. The white diatomeaceous earth so plentiful at Leisure World is made up of diatoms, a group of single cell beings. Even today on the Whiting Ranch large clam beds can be found which are millions of years old. After the sea receded a land of blue swampy mud appeared. Finally with erosion from the hills a lush fertile valley formed. Elephants and other large prehistoric animals roamed about, and even bones of the three toed horse have been found in this area. The skeletons of large whales have been uncovered near El Toro.

Then one day the Indians saw this lovely valley so peaceful and quiet beneath the blue sky; with the ever changing hills adding to its beauties. They were known as tribes of peacefulness; perhaps because the food from the sea, the hills and the mountains was plentiful. They were known as "The Diggers." The chants of these Indians echo down through the ages. If you have a mind to roam on these hills, mortars and pestles the indians used in grinding the acorns for meal can be found. Ants were good to use to season the food. Roasted grasshoppers were relished by the Indians.

As early as 1542 Cabrillo, a Portuguese navigator, with a fleet of two galleons came to the Port of San Diego. It has been only four hundred and twenty-five years since the first white men came to behold the glorious land we now call California. This great admiral lies buried on the Island of San Miguel off the California coast. Truly he had viewed a very promising land.

It was not until July 1769 that Portola, the leader, and his sixty-two men saw this lovely valley, abounding with a plentiful supply of deer and other game animals. The bear and lion could be found in the hills also. The coyotes sang their evening song while the weary men rested. Jose Francisco Ortega was one of their brave scouts. A young soldier in the party was Jose Antonio Yorba whose son Bernardo would one day own much of the land near the Santa Ana River—land which some of his descendants have to this day. It was Saint Anne's Day when they camped at the river; so the valley and stream were named to remember that day.

Father Serra founded the Mission of San Juan Capistrano November 1, 1776. The Indians came to live at the Missions and were taught how to raise different crops. The Mission Fathers brought figs, oranges and grapes to California. The Indians were now called Mission Indians and with the help of the Fathers learned to be self sufficient. In 1833 much of the lands belonging to the Indians and the Missions were sold. President Abraham Lincoln in March 1865, one month before his death, signed a bill restoring the mission buildings and adjoining grounds to the Roman Catholic Church. The influence of the Fathers and their Missions is still around us today.

A book published by Dwight Whiting in London in 1893 has for its title "Fruit Farming for Profit in California." He told of the wonderful crops that he was raising in the El Toro district. He did interest some people to come to El Toro. Dwight Whiting's father-in-law gave land and money to build St. Georges Mission in 1891. In this Episcopal Church services have been held through the years. The old coal oil lamps are still in the church today and the dim glow from these lamps add beauty to the evening service.

Many years have passed and many changes have come to the little valley lying below the majestic peaks of Old Saddleback since the days of the Indians and the days of adobe houses built by the Spanish and Mexicans; one of the adobe homes is still standing in this area and is a State Monument.

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Fatherless Boys Appeal For More Big Brothers

I NEED HELP . . .
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There are hundreds of young boys in Orange County today who need help. These "little brothers", as they are labeled by the Big Brothers of Orange County, a public service organization, are from fatherless homes and have been unable to develop on a normal pattern of maturity, largely due to the loss of their father.

The Big Brothers program provides these boys with an adult male counselor who volunteers to give his time to the boy on a regular basis. This volunteer is assisted by professional case workers in order to better achieve the desired objective -- gaining the boy's trust and confidence.

Experience has proven that the physical presence of even a "volunteer" man, on a part-time basis in the life of these troubled, fatherless boys, has been one of the largest single deterrents to potential juvenile problems in existence today.

National authorities in the family counseling field report that fully half of the ills of our societies can be traced to the defection, or tragic loss, of the father in the home. It has often been said, and quite logically so, that a young boy without a father is like a ship without a rudder . . . until such time as he can openly accept the friendship and counsel of older men.

A interesting factor, disclosed by experience in the Big Brothers program, is the fact that the difficulties often encountered by fatherless boys, and those of his mother, are often bound together in a single Gordian knot. It is not unusual, therefore, for this public service agency to provide the boy with a Big Brother, and his mother with short-term professional counseling, at the same time.

The Big Brothers agency in Orange County is set up to help fatherless boys in any area of the county, including those representing all religious faiths and philosophies, and those of all races.

Men in the local communities willing to become Big Brothers are urged to contact the agency's main office in Santa Ana. The phone number is 547-7788. The agency also maintains offices in both Costa Mesa and Fullerton in order to serve both the northern and southern areas in the county.

UCI Elects Senate For Spring Semester

Fourteen students have been elected to the 26-member Senate of the Associated Students of the University of California, Irvine in mid-year elections. They take office on January 2 and serve a full year. Four were incumbents (X).

Three were elected at-large and the rest represent their academic majors. Those elected are:

Terri L. Boggs, 5808 Loma Vista, Ventura, Calif., (At-Large).

Robert Campbell, 4921 Lincolnshire Ave., Buena Park, Calif., (Humanities).

William Coon, 1515 North Baker, Santa Ana, Cal., (Engineering).

*Kenneth Cowan, 1520 Wilson, San Marino, Calif., (Humanities).

Richard V. Evans, 1025 N. Shaffer, St. Orange, Calif., (Social Sciences).

John Krall, 808 N. Waverly Street, Orange, Calif. (Humanities).

Jeffrey Kurtz, 1918 N. Silverwood, Orange, Calif., (Biological Sciences).

William Lauer, 1221 Park St., Huntington Beach, Calif., (Physical Sciences).

*Ian R. McLean, 2374 Newport, Cardiff, Calif., (Social Sciences).

*Patti Nelson, 15311 Cornuta, Bellflower, Calif. (At-Large).

Paul Poznanter, 615 Porto, Anaheim, Calif., (At-Large).

Ronnie Ridgle, 710 E. 50th, Los Angeles, Calif., (Humanities).

James Skinner, 269 Cress, Laguna Beach, Calif., (Humanities)

Patricia A. Stelzner, 916 Coronado Dr., Costa Mesa, Calif., (Biological Sciences).

Dusty Wings Dance Dec. 16

Dusty Wings are having their Christmas Dinner Dance at the Santa Ana Country Club, December 16th, beginning at 9 p.m. Any former airline stewardess of any airlines, that resides in Orange County may join this group. If interested call Mrs. Hugh Dunnion, 837-5740. Membership now consist of representives of 18 airlines. This group meets each third Thursday of the month. A recent project was mailing gift packages and Christmas trees to Marines of this area, who now are fighting in Vietnam.

Homeowners Elect 1968 Officers

Aliso Valley Homeowners Association have selected their officers for 1968.

Those chosen at a meeting at Olivewood School on November 30 are President, Bob Art; Vice President, Feese Frey; Secretary, Vern Solberg; Treasurer, Dick Nutsch; Area 1 representative, Dick Steel; Area 2, Bill Millan; Area 3, Bill Lucy; Area 5, Carl Nelson.

Club Expands Golf Package

Successful beyond expectations, Mission Viejo Golf Club's "Autumn Twosome" golfing and dinner special package has been extended two ways, according to Ed Wampler, head pro at the southern Orange County course.

First, it will continue right on into the winter. Second, it will be offered on Wednesdays in addition to Mondays and Tuesdays, which had been the case with the autumn package.

The special gives a twosome 18 holes of golf with an electric cart, plus dinner, for a total of $14 for two.

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